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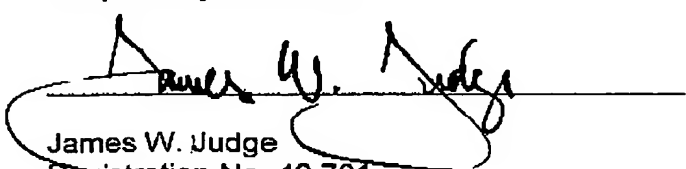
Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated **October 27, 2005** in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of **One month**, from **January 27, 2006** to **February 27, 2006**.

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